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## Spring Clean Up Due on May 5

AGAWAM — The Department of Public Works annual spring clean-up will begin the week of May 5, according to Donald C. Campbell, department superintendent.

Crews will be dispatched throughout town to remove residents unwanted accumulations of leaves, tree trimmings and other debris not normally picked up with trash collection, he said.

## "Like It Is"

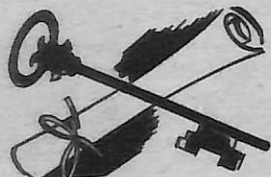
George B. Bickford

Every California Grape you buy helps keep thousands of children hungry, and thousands of fruit pickers jobless. Why? Because the "Grapes of Wrath" are still growing in California. The fruit pickers have been on strike for 4 years, but the growers deny their rights and import illegal labor to break the strike. What can they do?

The workers have been working for support, and they need your help. To help them obtain the right to collective bargaining, unemployment insurance, and health benefits, don't buy any California grapes. We can hit the growers where it hurts, and hope that the strike will end soon.

What should be really embarrassing to every concerned American is the fact that we spend millions in foreign aid, cut back on domestic programs (such as VISTA, Job Corps), and yet have thousands of starving Americans, without relief! We should concentrate on domestic problems before we attempt to solve the problems of the world. We have tremendously expensive welfare programs - yet we hesitate to set up "Day Care Centers" for working mothers to allow them to get off welfare and build up personal pride.

You as voters and consumers can change these situations by plaguing your Congressmen with letters, telegrams, and calls. This may, if you are concerned, cost you something, but if you care to help in a simpler way it will cost you nothing. Just "Boycott Grapes"!



DEGREES EARNED

Richard Roland Rondeau, 420 Main St., B.A. - U. of Kansas

DEANS LIST

Norman C. Burr, Technical & Applied Arts, Ferris State College.



Ed Harashuk has been named to the 1969 Varsity Baseball roster at A.L.C.

LOCAL ITEMS CAN NOT BE  
ACCEPTED AFTER MON.  
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Weight Watchers class Thursday  
9:30 A.M., 7 P.M. Legion Hall 486  
Springfield St., Agawam.

All news copy must be brought  
or mailed to 435 River Rd. There is  
no pick-up of news at police station  
or anywhere else.

A PURPLE MARTIN CAN EAT  
2000 MOSQUITOES PER DAY!

## A Difference of Opinion of \$9,338,000



V. R. Moreno

My proposal is very simple in scope:

Since we absolutely must build a school, then let us build a SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, rather than a junior high school as proposed by the Building Committee. This is not intended to fault any committee, but rather, this is a new avenue, not yet explored, that can save us MANY, MANY, DOLLARS.

Here, in quick review, is the idea:

1. Build a new Senior High School, for 1800 pupils.
2. Make the present Senior High School the Junior High School.
3. Make the present Junior High School the Town Hall.
4. Make the present Town Hall into a Library.
5. Will free ample rooms for kindergarten.

The building committee's plan also calls for the building of "the 12th Grade free standing" wing on the newly purchased land. The cost of this wing, set by Mr. Clark is, \$3.5 million. The cost for the new Junior High School is pegged at \$4.75 million. Added to these figures must be the cost of the land, some \$60,000.00 which not totals \$8,310,000.00. A new addition is then planned on the just built new Jr. High at \$2,000,000 more.

The proposed "Town Complex", housing the Town Hall, Public Library, Police Station (to be included in the complex or free standing) and the new garages and shelters for the D.P.W. equipment will cost an estimated \$5,000,000.00, added to this figure will be \$93,000.00 for land taking (article no. 117 in the warrant) and \$10,000.00 for the architect fees for building plants (Article no. 118 in the warrant) for a total estimated cost of \$4,103,000.00.

The costs for both plans are broken down for your comparison:

MORENO PLAN	BUILDING COMMITTEE PLAN
Build New High School \$5,000,000.	New Jr. High School \$4,750,000.
Remodel Town Building 50,000.	12th Grade 3,500,000.
Remodel Library 25,000.	12th Grade land 60,000.
	Town Complex 4,000,000.
	Town Complex land 93,000.
	Architects fee 10,000.
	Addition to New Jr. High 2,000,000.
GRAND TOTAL \$5,075,000.	GRAND TOTAL \$14,413,000.

Town Complex & Building Committee Plan	\$14,413,000.00
Moreno Plan	5,075,000.00
Savings to Taxpayers	\$ 9,338,000.00

The Moreno Proposal states simply: Build a 1,700 or 1,800 pupil Senior High School at an estimated cost of \$5,000,000.00 dollars and it will take care of the High School Building for twelve years or more and the Junior High School for at least nine years. This will free the present Junior High School to become the Town Hall and the present Town Hall to become the library. It will also provide additional land needed to shelter the D.P.W. equipment plus needed land area.

In any case, and most important, is the salient fact, with the building of the new Senior High School, Agawam will receive fifty percent participating funds. The State of Massachusetts will pay half the cost, whereas, the Town will receive NO MONEY if we build the Town Hall complex, Police Station or Library.

NOTE: Any questions or suggestions that any citizen has regarding the "Moreno Plan" PLEASE feel free to call me at 733-8658 before 8:30 A.M. or after 4:30 P.M. or write Agawam News.

REMEMBER: the Moreno Plan is talking hard cash, real estate and students.

## SUMMER COLLEGE PROGRAMS

SPRINGVALE, Me. -- Nason College still has openings for qualified H.S. students in its 6 week summer program in environmental and quantitative biology. Dr. Robert Ciullo, Dir. of the Program announced this week.

The Summer Science Program is for students who have successfully completed their Jr. year of H.S. or who will be grad. from an accredited H.S. this year.

Students sought are "young men and women who possess inquisitive minds, a curiosity about the world of living things, and a desire to explore the realm of field biology." Those who complete the course successfully will receive 4 college credits in ecology.

Applicants, Dr. Ciullo said, must have satisfactorily completed one or more courses in biology and chem. by June this year. Factors which will be considered in acceptance are potential as a future biologist, overall academic performance, strength of recommendations, and performance on standardized nat'l exams. They live in campus dorms and eat in College Dining Commons.

During the 1st 2 weeks of the session, students will receive 54 hours of classroom instruction in ecology and field biology, supplemented by field trips, exercises, film viewings and lectures by visiting scientists.

50% of the remaining 4 weeks will be devoted to expeditions to 4 field sites.

Total cost for the Summer Science Program is \$525. However, a limited number of scholarships ranging from \$50 to \$150 each are available to needy students. All interested are urged to notify the Office of Mr. William Hoag, Dir. of Admiss. Nason College. Mr. Hoag will be more than pleased to supply you with necessary material on applying.

Northeastern U. will offer a 6 week Institute in the ed. of preschool age deaf children from July 21 through Aug. 29 on the university's main campus in Boston.

Directed by Robert J. Ferullo, the Institute will be in session from 8:30 A.M. to 3 P.M. each Mon. through Fri. It is open to teachers at all levels, teachers of the deaf and non-specialists interested in the special problems of deaf preschoolers.

The faculty for the Institute will be made up of leading specialists including Dr. Alathena Smith of the John Tracy Clinic in Los Angeles.

The topics to be investigated will include language development, speech improvement, home and school collaboration, parent counseling, auditory training, hearing aids, audio-visual aids and arithmetic readiness.

## WESTFIELD SAVINGS NEAR RECORD GAINS

WESTFIELD -- Westfield Savings Bank recorded the 2nd largest gain in Savings deposits in its history during the 12 months ended March 31, Arthur W. Knapp, pres. reported during the 116th annual meeting of the corporators of the bank Wed. night at the Sheraton Inn.

Mr. Knapp told the meeting that savings deposits on March 31 were a record \$51,083,683, for a full-year increase of \$3,626,768. The gain during the three months ending March 31 was \$1,764,614.

"This is certainly a significant increase," Mr. Knapp said, "and I believe that it can be attributed to the community's response to our new, higher dividend policy and our interest comp. quarterly, and to such other factors as our new Agawam office and the tendency of people to retain emphasis on savings during the continuing economic growth that we are enjoying."

He noted that earlier this week, during their quarterly meeting, the bank's bd. of trustees declared dividends of 54% on 90-day special notice accounts and 4% on regular savings accounts, the dividend to savers totaling \$612,000. This was the bank's 1st quarterly declaration.

Total assets on March 31 were also at a record figure of \$57,963,313, Mr. Knapp said, reflecting the overall growth picture of Westfield Sav. Bank.

Another record was established in the area of real estate loans, with the bank's mortgage portfolio at an all-time high of \$43,667,045 on March 31, an increase for the year of \$2,512,886.

"It is my belief that mortgage demand is going to remain strong on a continuing basis," the Westfield Sav. pres. said. "And we have only to drive through the communities of

Westfield, Agawam and W. Spfld. to observe the new homes that are now being constructed, and are being sold, in many areas.

"Home ownership, which assumed the proportions of a Nat'l goal in the years following the war, and has continued generally to accelerate, is the aim of most families, and we see this trend more and more in the younger couples who at one time felt they had to wait years before buying a house.

"We have seen the introduction of a wide variety of home styles and greater attention to yards and garages and tool houses and swimming pools. Again, this mirrors the affluence of our area and our nation."

"There is every indication that 1969 is going to be another excellent year for Wstfld. Sav. Bank," Mr. Knapp told the corporators.

During the meeting Mr. Knapp was re-elected president, and V.P.s re-elected were: Norman A. Clarke, pres. of the Columbia Mfg. co.; David C. Colton, pres. of the Colton Agency, Inc., and Wesley L. Mitchell, retired V.P. of the W. Mass. Electric Co., Atty. Horace N. Fuller was re-elected clerk.

Trustees re-elected for 3 years were: Calvin J. Arnold of Southwick, tobacco grower; George B. Brooks, admin. of Noble Hospital; Henry F. Burrows, retired pres. of the Old Colony Envelope Co.; Horace N. Fuller, member of the law firm of Fuller, Scharoff and Smith; Henry K. Wakeman, pres. of Hampden Electric Supply Co. and the R. S. Graves Co., of W. Spfld. and Wesley L. Mitchell.

Albert Ferst, pres. of Camfour, Inc., was elected to the audit committee, and during its organiz. meeting this committee elected Hitchcock & Co., of Spfld. to conduct the annual audit.

## INTERCHURCH

### BASEBALL

### CONCLAVE

On April 10, the Governing Board of the Agawam Interchurch Baseball League held its 1st meeting. By official motion the same officers remained as last season. They are as follows: James DeVecchi, Pres., Edmond Coffey, V.P., Frank R. Locke Treas., and Roger Olewinski, Sec., Spiritual Advisors are, Rev. Samuel Fayad, St. Anthony's; Rev. Paul Bernard, St. Theresas's, Rev. Albert Blanchard, St. John's, Rev. James Shea, Sacred Heart. The Lay Representatives are: Clifford Gibson, St. Anthony; Louis Roberts, St. Theresas's; John Anderson, St. John's; Roger Richards, Sacred Heart.

The Board at this meeting decided it be made known that the League this year, as in past years, will be open to all boys age 12-15 in Agawam and Feeding Hills, regardless of their religious affiliation. To sign up in the league visit any of the churches mentioned above or call any one of the board members.

Last year the league gave five \$100.00 Scholarships. These scholarships will be given again this year to those interested. Forms may be obtained at any of the churches involved in the league, or at the Agawam H.S. To be eligible a boy must have played 1 full season, for 1 of the teams of the league. He must be a H.S. senior, and he must be accepted by an accredited college.

## HCOL GROUP MEETS MONDAY

The Feeding Hills Hampden County Improvement League Group will meet Mon., April 28 at 8 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Tessie Bodziak, 20 Greenacre Lane (1st street-on right going west after Cooper St. inter. off Cooper St.)

Mrs. Aileen Abbey and Mrs. Alice Stahowicz will be leaders on the subject of OUTDOOR COOKERY. Information will be given as to successful cooking outdoors. Discussion on types of equipment and fuels; foods best suited to outdoor cookery and safe procedures will be had. The Food Market program will be given by Mrs. Kay Nieroda. This will give info about marketing techniques and innovations, price change behavior, quality comparisons, non-food items in the market, etc. Handicrafts for the evening will be shown by Mrs. Nieroda, the plastic jug crib made of netting for a baby shower and Enameling Plastic Flowers by Mrs. Mary Spinelli. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Abbey and Mrs. Tessie Bodziak.

Anyone interested is welcomed to come. For further info. call Mrs. Abbey at 739-5448.

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## Nature's Ways

by Wayne Hanley  
Mass. Audubon Society

Earlier than the robin and with more assurance than a spring peeper, the weeping willow proclaims spring in a golden haze of glory.

It seems strange that a tree as foreign as the weeping willow should symbolize spring to many New Englanders. Yet, it does. It has since colonial days for the W.W. was an early import, closely associated with the early settlers' European background. The willow also had religious significance to colonials, a funeral one, as thousands of crocheted samplers in countless homes and museums testify.

One might say that the W.W. almost suffers anxiety toward spring, for it begins heralding in December the warm, wet days to come. When the late afternoon sun of winter strikes W.W. limbs the glow of yellow becomes almost as vibrant as the tinkle of bells. One might think that the limbs are as yellow then as yellow can be. But the yellow matures into golden splendor as winter dies and spring takes the burden of the seasons.

Earlier we spoke of an European background for the immigrant weeping willow. Yet, it is no more European in origin than many of the peoples of Europe. It came from farther east, indeed, its homeland seems to be the mountainous valley of the Yangtze River of China. It was a cultivated tree of Chinese estates thousands of years before Christ. It reminds us of a peculiar fact about China: that the Sino-Japanese region produces in the wild so many plants pleasing to the human eye that the area is known among botanists as "the Mother of Gardens."

Despite the antiquity of W.W. as lawn decorators, the yellowest seems

to be a variety of the white willow, *Salix alba*, which may have hybridized with the ancient W.W. form. This so-called "yellow weeping willow" first was recognized in France in 1815.

The ancient W.W. acquired the scientific name of *Salix babylonica* - literally "willow of Babylon" - through a misunderstanding by Carl Linnaeus, the developer of scientific names. Linnaeus, the son of a Swedish minister, mistook the W.W. as the tree referred to in Psalm 137 which reports "We hanged our harps upon the willows..." in Babylon. "Mistook" may be too harsh a word for Linnaeus' action, since it was commonly believed in Europe that those Old Testament harps dangled from the W.W.

Later scholarship indicates that the Biblical willow was not a true willow but a willow-relative, a poplar tree named *Populus euphratica* - "poplar of the Euphrates (River)". It was the commonest willow-like tree of Babylon. It is doubted that the W.W. had been introduced in the Middle East when the poetical muse struck David.

They exist throughout the world north of the Equator and range far into the Arctic, well beyond the so-called tree line. The average willow, of course, does not "weep". Its branches are as upright as any tree's. But, in penetrating the Arctic and Arctic zone areas such as the peak of Mt. Washington, willows resort to unusual growth patterns. In these inhospitable regions, it may grow flat on the ground, its tallest branches reaching less than an inch toward the sky. As an Arctic expert once said, "in this region you might mistake a willow tree for a patch of clover."

PET CARE FACTS  
OFFERED FREE BY  
HUMANE GROUP

A newly-published pamphlet on basic dog and cat care entitled "How to Care" is being offered free to pet owners by the Animal Protection Institute of America, a national humane society based in Sacramento, Calif.

The pamphlet covers essential requirements for pet health, feeding, grooming, safety and compliance with the law.

Belton P. Mouras, API Pres. in announcing the offer, said the new brochure is easy to understand, and was written with the hope of raising the level of care provided pets throughout the nation.

The free pamphlet may be obtained by writing How to Care, Box P, Sacramento, Calif. 95813.

## Carlson Honored

NEW YORK, N.Y., April 10 - Olivetti Underwood Corporation has named Robert Carlson, 142 Autumn St. to its President's Club, an organization honoring personnel for top performance during the past year.

He has been awarded a trip with his wife to Puerto Rico. Mr. Carlson is a sales rep. of the company in Milford.

Membership in the club, attained for outstanding sales or service efforts, is on an annual basis and totals less than 600 persons throughout the country.

In Puerto Rico, club members will attend conferences and seminars as well as take part in social activities. The 5 day event will be held at the El San Juan and Americana Hotels.

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BAGGAGE

Motor Vehicle Registrar, Richard E. McLaughlin, said yesterday that his office was receiving many reports of accidents triggered by carelessly secured external cargo on motor vehicles.

The Registrar said "This is, to a degree, a spring and summer phenomenon. People are carrying all kinds of awkward or oversized cargo on the roofs or rear decks of their cars - frequently lacking secure attachment to the vehicles. Apparently, many motorists do not realize the wind forces to which such external cargo is subjected at highway speeds.

"Accidents have been caused by falling stepladders, children's toys, furniture, etc. coming loose and falling to the pavement directly in the path of fast, closely following traffic. A particularly bad, and increasingly common, violation is the surfboards which are being seen in greater numbers and, all too often, dangerously stowed on top of the vehicles. One such instance not long ago caused a fatal accident in a Mass. ocean resort town."

The Registry is requesting all police departments in the Commonwealth to give added emphasis to curtailing this extremely hazardous practice which is strictly prohibited under Mass General Laws.

## for sale

An umbrella tent 7 x 7 x 5 with floor, screen door and window. \$16.00. In excellent condition. Been used 1 season, RE9-6288.

Nothing prevents a car theft like a flat tire . . .

## NIH THE SEARCH FOR HEALTH

A REPORT FROM  
THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH  
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

## Reversed Blood Vessels

Transposition of the great vessels is one of the more serious inborn heart defects. This defect is responsible for a significant percentage of all infant deaths from inborn heart disease. Unless it is treated, three-fourths of the infants born with this malformation die during the first 6 months of life.

In this defect, the great vessels, that is, the aorta and the pulmonary artery, somehow develop in a reversed position while the baby is still unborn. In the normal circulation, the aorta which carries oxygen-rich blood throughout the body, arises from the left ventricle. The pulmonary artery, which carries blue blood to the lungs where it picks up oxygen, arises from the right ventricle.

When the defect occurs, the aorta arises from the right ventricle. The great veins, however, which return "used" or oxygen-low blood from the body and oxygen-rich blood from the lungs to the heart, are not transposed. Thus, oxygen-poor blood from the body reaches the right atrium and right ventricle and is pumped by way of the aorta into the general circulation without passing through the lungs, that is, without picking up oxygen. Another circulation is formed by oxygen-rich blood flowing from the pulmonary artery and through the lungs again.

At this time, complete correction of this condition can seldom be safely undertaken in infancy. However, to keep the infant alive until corrective surgery is possible, surgery to ease the effects of the malformation must usually be performed. In order to keep the infant alive, oxygen-rich blood must be diverted into the body circulation and pressure in the pulmonary circulation must be decreased.

A simple, safe, and usually effective operation is the Blalock

lock Hanlon procedure. In this operation, a large opening or defect is created, or an existing one is enlarged, in the wall between the right and left atria. This allows blood from the two chambers to intermix and increases the flow of oxygen-laden blood to the rest of the body. Recently, this defect has been created, and palliation achieved, by a method that does not require surgical exposure of the heart. Instead, a small tube called a catheter is passed through the skin and into a blood vessel in the arm or leg, then passed into the heart and through the muscular wall (or septum) under fluoroscopic visualization. A balloon attached to the end of the catheter is then inflated to create the septal defect and allow a mixture of blood between the two sides of the heart.

A promising procedure for the complete correction of transposition of the great vessels involves, first, removal of the wall between the two upper chambers of the heart to create a single receiving chamber. Then, using tissue obtained from the sac which covers the heart, a baffle is formed. When the baffle is sewn into place, it forms a tunnel-like structure running across the receiving chamber. It diverts "used" blood returning to the heart from other parts of the body into the left ventricle, which then pumps it to the lungs to pick up more oxygen.

Oxygen-laden blood returning to the common receiving chamber from the lungs has nowhere to go except into the right ventricle which pumps it back into the body circulation. Although clinical experience with this technique is limited, the results thus far have been good.

For more information, write to NIH Feature Service, Bethesda, Md. 20014, for a free copy of the new fully illustrated publication, "Cardiovascular Surgery," Publication No. 1701.

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lose weight  
and keep it off  
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EAST LONGMEADOW  
Italian-American Club  
213 Vineland Ave.  
Wednesday  
9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

\$3.00 Registration — \$2.00 Weekly

Weight Watchers Inc. will have a 3rd anniversary dinner on April 25, honoring local class members who have lost 100 or more pounds.

## Ag. Council PTA Board Meet

Mrs. Domenic DiDonato, pres. of the Agawam Council PTA has called an important exec. board meeting for Mon. April 28 at 8:00 P.M. at the Jr. High School.

The report on the Ben. Phelps Mem. Scholarship Drive will be made at this meeting.

The council will also discuss and act upon many important items effecting all Agawam units at this time.

All council officers, committee chm. as well as unit presidents and council delegates from all elem. schools should plan to attend and represent their schools.

## American Legion

Wilson-thompson  
Unit No. 185

Sat., April 26, Public Dinner at the Legion Home sponsored by the Legion and Aux. for the Child Welfare Fund. A roast beef supper will be served from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. and there will be music for dancing from 8 to 12. Reservations may be called into the Legion Home or the Chm. Chet Krukowski and Mrs. Peg Brown.

Sun. April 27, Family entertainment at the Hampden Co. Talent Show to be held at the Post 275 Home on East St., Ch. Falls. There will be an adm. fee with ½ price for children.

Sat., May 3, Hampden Co. Military Ball for Legionnaires and their guests. A hot meal will be served and from 8:00 P.M. until 12 there will be dancing. Proceeds will be used to sponsor a good marching band for the dep't convention parade.

Sat., May 17, Legion and Aux. members will distribute veteran-made poppies at Riverside Pk. from 6 until 8:30 P.M. Volunteers may contact Poppy Chm. Jane Whalen.

Sat., May 24, "May Blaze" will be held at the Legion Home. This will be a baked ham supper open to the public, and will feature the crowning of the "Poppy Princess."

A donation has been made to the Heart Fund in memory of Mrs. Mary Sharples.

The Agawam Aux. has contributed toward a gift for the Dep't. Pres. Testimonial to be held at the Dep't Convention.

The Agawam Y.M.C.A. has received a contribution from the Aux. for their summer camp program.

"Flag etiquette" booklets will be distributed to the Agawam Girl Scout Tr. 69 by Americanism chm. Gladys Belcher.

Delegates elected to the Dep't Conv. in Swampscott are Pres. Gladys Belcher and V.P. Jane Whalen. Alternates are Mrs. Jennie Bousquet and Mrs. Peg Brown.

WALTON LEAGUE  
SPONSORS DINNER

The Paucatuck Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America will sponsor a N.E. Boiled Dinner and Auction at V.F.W. Post 6714, 764 Riverdale Rd., W. Spfld., on Fri., May 2. There will be a social hr. at 6, and dinner at 7 P.M. The auction will follow dinner.

The proceeds will be used for Youth Conservation Education. Tickets are \$2.50 apiece and may be purchased at the V.F.W., Post 6714, at the office of J. Paul Adams, Chm. of the event, at 115 State St., Springfield, and from chapter members. Contributions of salable items in good condition will be gratefully received.

Church Suppers  
Coming Up

Agawam Congregational Church will sponsor its Annual May Day Dinner, on May 8, at 5 and 6:15 P.M. Serving baked Shad and Chicken Pie. Res: Mrs. G. Blood, 736-5530, or Mrs. G. Andrews 733-2926.

The Agawam United Methodist Church at 459 Mill Street (across from Agawam High School) will have an Old-Fashioned Chicken Pie Supper at the church, Sat., April 26. Continuous servings from 5:15 P.M. thru 6:30 P.M. For res. please call Mrs. Richard Fearn 739-5965 or Mrs. Gary Houts 737-8595 (by noon April 25, if possible). The public is invited.



## SCHOOL MENUS

April 28 — March 2  
MILK SERVED WITH  
ALL MEALS

### PHILIPS SCHOOL

MON.: Tom. soup, PB & jelly sand., cheese, orng. wedges, cookie, TUES.: orng. ju., hmbg. gravy on mash. pot., but. car., B&B, but. ck., w/choco. frost. WED.: ju., hmbg. on bun, onion, slic., rel. & cat., gr. beans, aplsc. ck. THURS.: spag. w/mt. & tom. sc., cab. & car. salad, B&B, peaches, FRI.: fish sticks w/cat., mash. pot., gard. salad, w/spin. grns. B&B, ice cream.

### GRANGER SCHOOL

MON.: shell mac. w/mt. & tom. sc., gr. beans, B&B, aprcts. THUES.: ju., gril. hmbg. on roll, rel. & cat., cheese, onions, car., spice ck., WED.: ju., ov. fr. chick., mash. pot., bts. B&B, pineapple tidbt. THURS.: ju., bol. & cheese sand., pot. chips, corn, white ck. w/fudge sc., FRI.: ju. tuna fish salbt. PB sand., but. veg., straw shtck. w/top.

### PEIRCE SCHOOL

MON.: bf. pt. pie w/pot. puff top., lf. spin., cheese, B&B, pnaple tidbits. TUES.: spag. w/tom. & mt. sc., gr. beans, cheese or PB sand., van. pud. w/orng. sc., WED.: orng. ju., bk. luncheon mt., sw. pot. cas., corn, B&B, choco. PB cookies. THURS.: cit. fruit ju., hmbg. w/br. gravy, whip. pot., har. beets, PB & honey sand., wh. ck. w/but. icing. FRI.: bk. beans, 1/2 dev. egg, cole slaw w/grat. car. B&B, rosy aplsc.

### DANAHY SCHOOL

MON.: ju., hmbg. on bun., corn, aplsc. ck., TUES.: ju., mt. bl. in gravy, mash. pot., peas, cheese, blbry squares. WED.: mac. in tom. & mt. sc., gr. beans, peaches. B&B, THURS.: bk. chick., mash. pot., spin. pinaple. FRI.: ju., fish sticks. pot. salad, B&B, car. aplsc.

### SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MON.: orng. ju., minstron. soup w/bf. & veg., crackers, cheese, PB on rye, apple, TUES.: slop. Joe on roll, but. spin., PB on rye pinaple tidbits. WED.: cit. ju., bf. w/veg. on mash. pot., peas & car. roll, spic. aplsc. THURS.: bk. luncheon lf., par. but. pot., ABC sald. PB on rye, choco. brownie. FRI.: bk. mac. w/cheese FRI.: bk. mac., tos. gr. salad, B&B, fruit. cit. orng. jello.

### ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL

MON.: ju., frank on roll, must. & rel., car., cheese, orng. ck. w/but. ic., TUES.: ov. bk. chick., Mash. pot., broc. B&B, ice crm., WED.: cit. ju., hm. & cheese roll, pot. chips, but. corn, aplsc. ck., THURS.: shel. mac., w/mt. & tom. sc., gr. beans, B&B, slic. peaches, FRI.: ju., tuna fish salad, sand., PB sand., pot. chips, ABC Salad, pirates ck.

### JR. HIGH SCHOOL

MON.: ju., tost. hm. & cheese roll, pot. chips, but. car., aplsc. ck., TUES.: mt. lf., mash. pot. but. broc., ice, cream, B&B, WED.: ju., spag. w/mt. bls., tos. salad, banana flur. ck., B&B, THURS.: ju., ov. fried chick., mash. pot., cab. & car. salad, jello, B&B, FRI.: ju., hmbg. on bun. stew tom., PB sand., apricots, cookies.

### SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MON.: orng. ju., hmbg. on roll, pot. chips, par. but. car., PB sand., ginger-brd. w/top., TUES.: orng. ju., vl. cutl. w/sc., mash. pot., corn, ht. date or blbry. muffin, jello w/top. WED.: orng. ju., boil. hm. & cheese sand., on rye, gard. salad, PB sand., dp. dish apl. pie. THURS.: frank on roll, bk. beans, cab. & car. salad, PB sand., but. ck. w/fudge sc., FRI.: orng. ju., egg salad sand., mac. salad, But. gr. beans, PB sand., brownie.

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### Make a Terrarium; Bring Spring Inside

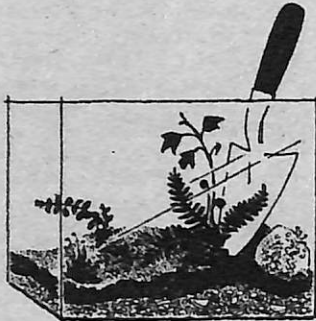
Wouldn't you like to capture some of the loveliness of spring and bring it indoors? You can by making a terrarium.

A terrarium is many things. It is a garden under glass. It is a landscape in miniature. It is a place where plants can be grown all year round. It is a collection of plants that belong to the same plant

community and need the same conditions and therefore grow well together.

#### The Container

Before making a terrarium you should choose a container, because your container will determine the number and sizes of



Arrange your plants so that they look like a forest scene in miniature.

the plants you may have. It may be a small jar or a large fish tank. It may have straight or round sides. You may even make a container by taping panes of glass together.

Before preparing your container for planting, you must know what type of terrarium you are going to make, because each group of plants has its own requirements. Glass containers have no holes in the bottom, so you must have a drainage layer for excess water. The drainage layer is made of gravel or sand mixed with bits of broken flower-pot. Pieces of charcoal pressed into this layer will help keep the terrarium fresh. On top of the drainage layer there must be a layer of some type of soil.

Before getting the plants, clean the container and prepare it for planting. Make the drainage layer 1 to 2 inches thick. Add a second layer of 1 to 2 inches of slightly moistened earth and humus.

#### Woodland Terrarium

It is fun to get into the forest to collect the plants yourself.

(For a free booklet, "The Magic Carpet", illustrated in color from The New Book of Knowledge, send name and address to Martha Glauber Shapp, Box 47, Putnam Valley, New York 10579.)

You must be sure, however, that you have permission to take plants and that you know which plants may be picked. With a sharp trowel dig around the plants carefully, so that you leave some soil around the roots. Wrap each plant in newspaper to protect it and to keep it moist. Slide a sharp knife underneath the moss, and lift it in sheets.

If you cannot do your own collecting, you may be able to buy woodland plants from a scientific supply house or some florist shops. Your local botanical garden or garden club may be able to tell you where to buy them.

Plant your terrarium soon after you get your plants. Arrange the landscape by making slopes, hills and valleys and by putting the rocks in place. Set your plants lightly where you think they should go. When you are pleased with your landscape, make holes for the plants, insert them carefully, and press the soil firmly around them. Cover the bare spots with moss and press it down firmly. Use a bulb spray to wet the garden well, but don't make it soggy.

Cover the terrarium with a piece of glass. When the temperature in the terrarium rises, the water will evaporate and when the temperature goes down, the water will condense on the glass and run down into the soil. If the glass becomes too cloudy, you may remove the cover for a while to let some of the water evaporate into the outside air. If very little or no water collects on the glass and the plants look dry, spray gently. You will probably not need to do this more than once a month because the plants in the terrarium make their own climate and set up an effective water cycle.

Place the terrarium in a cool place with good light, but not in direct sunshine. A well-established terrarium will take care of itself and give you pleasure for a long time.

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### Safety Check Home Tools

CHICAGO — Spring is the ideal time to check out tools and equipment that have been lying unused all winter. Tools may have been damaged inadvertently during the winter, or they may have been put away in poor condition. So before they are subjected to another season of use, it is a good idea to make sure that all tools are in good condition.

Some people have been using vacuum cleaners outdoors, reports Hans Grigo, tech. consultant in the home dept. of the Nat'l Safety Council. They use the cleaners on indoor-outdoor carpeting. But unless proper precautions are taken, this can be a dangerous practice. Since vacuum cleaners are intended to be used indoors, they usually are not grounded. So when they are used outside there is some risk that they will come in contact with water, especially since outdoor carpeting may retain moisture.

For this reason a vacuum cleaner should never be used outside until it has been grounded - and this should be done by a professional electrician.

Look over power tools such as saws, nowers, and hedge trimmers to be sure that the grounding wires and prongs are still intact. The person who does not know how to check for continuity of ground should have a professional electrician do this.

This annual check for grounding may be invaluable, states Grigo. One woman in Riverdale, Ill. nearly lost her life because her power lawn mower wasn't grounded. She received an electrical shock from her mower as she was mowing her lawn. Police credited the saving of her life to a quick thinking neighbor who disconnected the cord of the mower and called the police. They administered oxygen until the woman was taken to the hospital.

Backyard play equipment should be checked out before the kids begin their springtime play. Father should check for loose bolts, worn chains, or any parts that have become loose or rusted during the winter.

Some parts on a gym set may need to be replaced, says Grigo. "Plastic seats may be cracked or broken. Plastic caps protecting the ends of the bolts may have disappeared."

Plastic seats can be purchased from a large retail dealer or catalogue house. You may have to send away to the manufacturer for the plastic caps.

Some backyard play equipment sets have never been anchored in the ground. Others may have been anchored, but the anchoring may be broken or loose. Adults should try out the separate parts of the set. If the set sways, it needs to be reanchored. Anchoring sets can be purchased at a retail dealer.



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If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the second day of May 1969, the return day of this citation.

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